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SUBJ: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

OLYMPIC TEAM RETURNS

-- RETURN "DISAPPOINTED" BUT "UNFLINCHINGLY RESOLVED" ROC
OLYMPIC TEAM RECEIVED HEADLINE, FULLPAGE TREATMENT ALL
PAPERS WITH PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
DELEGATION AMONG HUGE WELCOMING CROWD PROMINENTLY PLAYED.
IN TYPICAL SNITORIAL COMMENT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA POST
SAID: "WE SHOULD NOT INDULGE IN ANY MORE RELIANCE ON
THOSE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS LEADERS WHO HAVE PAID US LIP-
SERVICE IN THE PAST BUT FAILED TO LIVE UP TO THEIR PROMISES
WHEN THE CRITICAL TIME CAME..."

KUOMINTANG WORKSHOP

-- PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO TOLD 1976 KUOMINTANG CENTRAL
COMMITTEE WORKSHOP PAST YEAR SAW DRAMATIC CHANGES WORLD
SITUATION WITH ROC STANDING FIRMLY UNMOVED BY THREATS,
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BAITS, COERCION AND DISGRACE, ACCORDING OFFICIAL MEDIA

ACCOUNTS. CALLING KUOMINTANG A REVOLUTIONARY AND DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PARTY HE ADDED: "TO ACCOMPLISH THE NATIONAL REVOLUTION WE MUST PROMOTE FULLY THE DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT, AND OUR NATIONAL REVOLUTION IS TO STRIVE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE LOFTY IDEAL OF DEMOCRACY...ONLY AFTER WE DESTROY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME ON THE MAINLAND CAN WE SAY THAT OUR NATIONAL REVOLUTION IS ACCOMPLISHED." HE REPORTEDLY STRESYFD "OUR ENEMY" WILL BE FACING MORE DIFFICULT PLIGHT DAYS AHEAD BUT ROC MUST STRUGGLE ON PERSISTENTLY AND CONSISTENTLY.

-- KMT OVERSEAS DIRECTOR CHEN YU-CHING REPORTEDLY TOLD KMT WORKSHOP: (1) JOURNEY FOR U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION DIFFICULT AND LONG EVEN THOUGH FIXED POLICY OF U.S., (2) NORMALIZATION POLICY CREATED BY NIXON HAS BEEN PROVED HISTORICAL MISTAKE, (3) NEVERTHELESS, NORMALIZATION POLICY DEVELOPED BY REPEATED MAINLAND VISITS AMERICAN PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARY OF STATE, ESTABLISHMENT LIAISON OFFICES AND EXCHANGE VISITS VARIOUS PERSONNEL, (4) FURTHER NORMALIZATION DEVELOP WOULD SACRIFICE ROC NATIONAL INTEREST AND HURT SECURITY EAST ASIA AND WEST PACIFIC, (5) SINCE NORMALIZATION RESULTS UTTERLY UNTHINKABLE, MEMBERS U.S. CONGRESS AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPPOSED NORMALIZATION AT ROC EXPENSE; THUS, COMPLETION NORMALIZATIONFORESEEABLE FUTURE IMPOSSIBLE.

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REASSURANCES

-- VISITING U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOHN ANDERSON REPORTEDLY TOLD DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE: (1) U.S.-PRC NORMALIZATION EFFORTS WILL NOT SACRIFICE ROC REGARDLESS WHO NEXT PRESIDENT, (2) U.S. CANNOT MAKE PRECIPITANT CHANGES CHINA POLICY HARMFUL PEACE AND SECURITY THIS AREA, (3) SECRETARY KISSINGER'S UPCOMING PRC VISIT WILL NOT BRING CHANGE U.S. POLICY, (4) U.S.-ROC ECONOMIC RELATIONS WILL BE STRENGTHENED, (5) SENATOR HUGH SCOTT'S MAINLAND VISIT PRIVATE AFFAIR.

-- VISITING CONGRESSMAN EDWARD J. DERWINSKI REPORTEDLY TOLD CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK MEETING: (1) THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE U.S.-ROC RELATIONS, (2) HIS MAINLAND VISIT DID NOTHING CHANGE VIEWS ON CHINESE COMMUNISTS, (3) MORE AMERICANS UNCLASSIFIED

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BECOMING AWARE SPURIOUS COMMUNIST INTRIGUES, (4) TURMOIL ON MAINLAND WILL CONTINUE LONG TIME.

-- NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL JULY 19 DISTRIBUTED INTACT, INCLUDING CHU TEH STORY WITH PIC.

2. MEDIA REACTION:

FUTURE OF MAAG

-- RESPECTED COLUMNIST TU HENGTSSE OF TUNGHAI UNIVERSITY WRITING IN LARGEST-CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO - 380,000) SAID FUTURE MAAG/ROC UNCERTAIN BUT FURTHER TRIMMING EXPECTABLE DUE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. TU NOTED MAAG PERSONNEL NOT REGULAR U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL AS DEFINED UVNO-AMERICAN STATUS OF FORCES; "U.S. FORCES" WORK UNDER JURISDICTION USTDC. THUS, REDUCTION MAAG-ROC UNRELATED TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE OR U.S.-PRC NOROSLIZATION EFFORTS. TU ADVISED HIRING PRIVATE AMERICAN MILITARY CONSULTANTS CONTINUE MAAG FUNCTIONS IF CONGRESS REFUSES SPECIAL PERMISSION KEEP MAAG HERE; PRESENT ROC ECONOMIC STRENGTH COULD AFFORD THIS, TU URGED.

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3. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- CPAO DELIVERED LECTURE, "THE UNITED STATES, LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD - BICENTENNIAL THOUGHTS," EVENING JULY 15 TO ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE 120 PERSONS REPRESENTING COMBINED MEMBERSHIP TAIPEI'S THREE MEN'S CLUBS ASSOCIATED WITH YMCA. IMV FILM, "THE EARLY INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES," SUPPORTED FIRST PART OF SPEECH; DISCUSSION PRESENT AND FUTURE TRENDS DREW HEAVILY ON WALL STREET JOURNAL SERIES, THE FUTURE REVISITED.

-- PAUL H. C. WANG, JOURNALISM PROFESSOR, NATIONAL CHENGCHI UNIVERSITY WILL LEAD SEVEN-MAN ROC DELEGATION SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE BOSTON AUGUST 11-14. SEVERAL OF ROC DELEGATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DEALING WITH PUBLIC INFORMATION/RELATIONS.

-- ROC PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE COMMANDER CHIANG WEI-KUO AND OVER 100 OTHER GROC AND KMT VIP'S PLUS DIGNITARIES IN ART AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS WERE AMONG 3,000 VISITORS WHO CAME TO LINCOLN CENTER JULY 10-17 TO VIEW EXHIBIT OF WORKS BY FAMED CHINESE BRUSH-PAINTER YEH TSUI-PAI. RETIRED ROC GENERAL NOTED FOR HORSE PAINTINGS, YEH HAS LIVED IN CALIFORNIA FOR PAST 10 YEARS AND SELECTED USIS LINCOLN CENTER TO MAKE HIS "COMEBACK" EXHIBIT DURING ONE-MONTH TAIPEI VISIT. IN ADDITION TO HIGH TURNOUT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DIGNITARIES, MEDIA GAVE EXHIBIT EXTENSIVE AND VERY FAVORABLE COVERAGE, PARTICULARLY WHEN PRESIDENT YEN VISITED. THOUGH GENERAL YEH'S EXHIBIT NOT OFFICIAL USIS PROGRAM, IT CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO REPUTATION OF LINCOLN CENTER AS ACTIVE CULTURAL CENTER. MOREOVER, SOME OF VIP'S WHO CAME FOR EXHIBIT ALSO VISITED LIBRARY.

-- SECOND TAMKANG AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY TAIPEI'S TAMKANG COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES JULY 12-15 DOMINATED POST PROGRAM ACTIVITY PAST WEEK. HELD UNDER THEME OF "AMERICA'S WORLD ROLE FOR NEXT 25 YEARS," CONFERENCE DREW 80 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING 20 AMERICANS AND 13 FROM OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. CONGRESSMAN JOHN ANDERSON OF ILLINOIS VISITED TAIWAN AS GUEST OF TAMKANG COLLEGE TO DELIVER CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEECH AND AMBASSADOR LEONARD UNGER GAVE OPENING REMARKS AND HOSTED RECEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS. POST WJGCULBRIGHT BINATIONAL COMMISSION (USEF/C) GAVE HEAVY AND CRUCIAL SUPPORT. USEF/C PROVIDED 5,000 DOLLAR GRANT AND POST SPONSORED SPEAKERS WHO GAVE SIX OF THE 21 PAPERS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCE AND PARTICIPATED IN PANEL DISCUSSIONS.

POST-SPONSORED SPEAKERS AND THEIR PAPER TOPICS WERE AMSPEC MELVIN KRANZBERG, "TECHNOLOGY AND THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY;" AMSPEC ROBERT SOLO, "AMERICA CONFRONTS THE PROBLEMS OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY;" AMSPEC PETER JONES, "CULTURAL PLURALISM IN THE U.S.;" VOLSPKR JOHN HANCOCK, "CHANGING CITY IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA;" VOLSPKR JOHN KAPLAN, "ROLE OF LAW IN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION;" AND VOLSPKR CHARLES CLEAVER, "SIGNS OF A NEW REGIONALISM IN THE U.S."

CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN STIMULATING DISCUSSION AND

EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY, TECHNOLOGY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY AND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. SEVERAL U.S. PARTICIPANTS TERMED CONFERENCE MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN SIMILAR MEETINGS HELD IN U.S. AND PARTICULARLY ENJOYED MEETING GRADUATE STUDENTS DURING THE COFFEE AND MEAL BREAKS. OVERALL WE FELT THE OPPORTUNITY TAMKANG CONFERENCE GAVE AMERICAN STUDIES FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN TAIWAN TO MEET AND HAVE

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DISCUSSIONS WITH A VARIETY OF SCHOLARS IN THE AMERICAN STUDIES FIELD MADE OUR INVESTMENT VERY WORTHWHILE. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SPEAKER TALENT IN TOWN TO BOLSTER OUR PROGRAMMING, WE ALSO PROGRAMMED AMSPECS MELVIN KRANZBERG AND ROBERT SOLO AND VOLSPKR JOHN HANCOCK AFTER THE TAMKANG CONFERENCE.

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ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 15, AMSPECS KRANZBERG AND SOLO GAVE SEMINAR ON "TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY" UNDER POST COSPONSORSHIP AT ECONOMIC DAILY NEWS, TAIWAN'S MAJOR ECONOMIC DAILY. SEMINAR DREW 35 PARTICIPANTS FROM GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTES, MAJOR PRIVATE INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC

ENTERPRISES, UNIVERSITIES AND MEDIA. MAJOR NAMES INCLUDED PRESIDENTS OF FORMOSAN RUBBER CORP., TAIWAN SHIPBUILDING CORP. AND CHINA PETROCHEMICAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND DIRECTOR, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS. KRANZBERG DISCUSSED VARIOUS MODES OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FROM HISTORIC POINT OF VIEW AND ARGUED TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO SERVE SOCIAL GOALS. SOLO EMPHASIZED NEED FOR AN INTERFLOW OF INFORMATION (THE ONE RESOURCE NOT DEPLETED BY DISSEMINATION). THE PROGRAM SUPPORTED POST OBJECTIVES IN STRESSING THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SHOWING THAT TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN, KNOW NO NATIONAL BOUNDARIES. AUDIENCE RESPONDED WELL TO BOTH PRESENTATIONS AND THERE WAS INTERESTING DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS.

ON EVENING JULY 15, VOLSPKR JOHN HANCOCK ADDRESSED LINCOLN CENTER AUDIENCE OF 115 ON "CHANGING CITY IN BICENTENNIAL AMERICA." HANCOCK'S 30-MINUTE SLIDE PRESENTATION SURVEYED GROWTH OF AMERICAN CITIES AND OUTLINED HIS PROPOSAL FOR GREATER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN URBAN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF DETERIORATING QUALITY OF

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LIFE IN U.S. CITIES. HANCOCK'S SLOW, DELIBERATE DELIVERY WAS EASY TO UNDERSTAND BUT HIS RAPID FLASHING OF 160 SLIDES IN 30 MINUTES PROBABLY DETRACTED FROM HIS LECTURE; MOREOVER, IT WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO MAKE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SLIDES AND THE POINTS HANCOCK WAS MAKING. NONETHELESS, THE PRESENTATION WAS FOLLOWED BY 40 MINUTES OF GOOD DISCUSSION AFTER WHICH A SMALL GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTS CORNERED HANCOCK AROUND THE SPEAKER'S PODIUM WITH QUESTIONS THEY DIDN'T WANT TO RAISE IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY ELSE. OVERALL, A MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.

-- SHOWCASE OF AMERICAN PAPERBACKS BOOK EXHIBIT SHOWING AT USIS TAICHUNG JULY 6-17 DREW ESTIMATED 600 VIEWERS PLACED ORDERS FOR TITLES EXHIBITED AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS TOOK ORDER BLANKS TO ORDER DIRECTLY FROM MEI YA PUBLICATIONS, OUR LOCAL AGENT FOR HANDLING ORDERS. MANY VIEWERS SAID THEY WOULD HAVE BOUGHT BOOKS IF THEY WERE SOLD AT THE EXHIBIT.

-- TAICHUNG BPAO SHERIDAN BELL SPOKE TO SOUTHEAST ROTARY CLUB ON BICENTENNIAL. HIS 40-MINUTE PRESENTATION EMPHASIZED AMERICA'S CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS. DANCE AND MOVIE VTR'S, JAZZ RECORDS AND WALTER FROEHLICH'S 10 SLIDES ON VIKING MISSION TO MARS USED TO ILLUSTRATE LECTURE.
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